

I thank the gentleman for yielding and would be happy to answer any questions.

Mr. HOYER. I thank my friend for that information.

First, if I can ask the leader, there are not bill numbers on the energy packages to which the gentleman referred. Have these bills been introduced, are there going to be hearings held on them, have hearings been held on them, will they be considered by committee? Can the gentleman fill us in on some of that information?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, the bills are being worked on as we speak. We anticipate many of them being introduced today, if not today, tomorrow. Most of the bills have already been considered or voted on in the past on energy policies. We do not anticipate the need for any committee action on many of these bills. Some of them are suspension-type bills, and we anticipate bringing some on suspension calendar and then others by rule.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that information.

Let me clarify: Have some of these bills passed in perhaps the larger energy bill? Is that what the gentleman is saying?

Mr. DELAY. That is correct.

Mr. HOYER. So the gentleman is taking segments out of that bill to put in separate pieces of legislation?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield further, we are taking some of the bills and issues out of the House-passed energy bill that did not find their way into the conference report that is pending before the Senate that the House has already passed. So the major piece of legislation, the Energy Policy Act of 2004, is a restatement of the energy conference report that is pending in the Senate, the ANWR AML bill. There are amendments against ANWR that have failed, but we have had votes on ANWR in this House in the debate on the energy bill leaving the House. The U.S. refinery revitalization bill is a bill that we anticipate being on suspension. The ANWR AML bill will be under rule.

Mr. HOYER. All right, that is the Arctic Coastal Plan Domestic Energy Security and Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Reform Act?

Mr. DELAY. That is correct. That is what we call the ANWR AML bill.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman.

The gentleman anticipates some of these may be introduced today. When would Members be able to have copies of these bills to review, and have these bills been reviewed by the minority on the committees of jurisdiction?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I am not privy to the work done by the relevant committees, the most relevant committees, the Committee on Resources and the Committee on Energy and Commerce, as to what they have done or not done with the minority, but as far as the gentleman's question on when Members will be able to see those bills, obviously, as soon as they are introduced, they will be available.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that information. Hopefully we will have an opportunity so that our Members, certainly on the committees of jurisdiction on the minority side, will have an opportunity to review them and advise our side of the aisle at least their views on those, in light of the fact they are not going to be considered in committee and some will be on suspension. Others will go to the Committee on Rules?

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman will yield further, that is correct.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that information.

The FSC bill, there has been a lot of talk about the FSC bill. Can the leader tell me when we might anticipate a FSC bill being on the floor or being marked up in committee?

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman will yield further, as we are doing this colloquy, the Speaker is contemplating how we can accommodate the ranking member of the Committee on Ways and Means who is going with the Speaker over the weekend for the D-Day celebration. I think we have at least tentatively worked out a schedule whereby the Committee on Ways and Means could do their markup on Wednesday or Thursday and have the bill on the floor the first of the week following.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the leader. I want to, on behalf of the gentleman from New York (Mr. RANGEL), state our appreciation for that consideration. It is my understanding the gentleman is going to Normandy with the Speaker and they will not return until approximately 5 or so Tuesday afternoon, so that meeting at 6 o'clock would have been difficult. We appreciate the consideration that has been given.

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman will yield further, I might also add that the jobs bill contemplated by the chairman will probably be introduced by tomorrow. So Members will have at least over the weekend a chance to look at the bill before the markup of the committee.

Mr. HOYER. You say the jobs bill; the American Jobs Creation Act?

Mr. DELAY. That is correct. Some people refer to that as FSC.

Mr. HOYER. I see what the gentleman is saying. It is one and the same.

Where are those jobs, Mr. Leader?

Mr. DELAY. They are all in that bill, thousands upon thousands of them.

Mr. HOYER. Actually, I meant are they overseas or here in America?

Mr. DELAY. We are bringing them home, Mr. Whip.

Mr. HOYER. I presume that will be part of our debate, Mr. Leader.

Mr. Leader, lastly, the budget enforcement bill, is that going to be on the calendar at any time soon?

Mr. DELAY. As the gentleman knows, in March the Committee on the Budget passed a bill that would extend statutory pay-as-you-go rules on new mandatory spending to ensure that new programs are offset by spending

reductions. In addition, the bill would institute statutory spending caps on statutory programs. Now that the House has passed the budget resolution conference report, we look forward to quick consideration of this bill.

We have a very busy schedule planned for next week. We had planned on bringing this bill up next week and still may do so. But we may not be able to consider this bill next week; and, therefore, we most probably would schedule it for the following week.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that information. As the gentleman knows, I am sure both sides of the aisle feel that is a critical piece of legislation, in light of the deficits that are confronting us, as to how we can get those under control. I know there are differences of opinion on that, but I know on our side of the aisle we believe that that is a very important step for us to take in light of the budget deficits.

Lastly, Mr. Leader, if I can ask the leader, it was I think tentatively believed that we would be meeting next Friday. In light of the accommodation on the FSC or jobs bill, would Members be correct in thinking that Friday of next week may not be a legislative day?

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman will yield further, that is very difficult to say. We do have a very ambitious schedule for next week. It could very likely take Friday to complete that schedule. However, we are going to work as hard as we can to get our work done as soon as we can; and, if we can get our work done, we may not have to work on Friday. But I would warn the Members that it is very possible that we would have to be here on Friday.

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Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the leader for his information.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAMS UNDER SMALL BUSINESS ACT AND SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT OF 1958

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4478), to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act